



Lunenburg Police Department

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I. CONSIDERATIONS:

The Sex Offender Registry Board (SORB) promotes public safety by educating and informing the public to prevent further victimization. The SORB registers and classifies convicted sex offenders according to their risk of re-offense and the degree of danger they pose. This policy will ensure that the Department provides notification to the public in accordance with M.G.L. c. 6 § 178K(2)(c) and 803 CMR 1.28.

II. POLICY:

To provide proper and timely community notification in accordance with the requirements of state law and regulation, the Department will post the registration information of finally classified Level 3 Sex Offenders on its Town Webpage. The Department will also post Sex Offender Registry Information at the Public Safety Complex as well as Town Hall.

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 6, § 178K(2)(c) and 803 CMR 1.28, the Department shall actively notify organizations and individual members of the public in the community that are likely to encounter a finally classified Level 3 sex offender or a sexually violent predator through a community notification plan.

The Department will provide such notification at least once annually, including by providing Sex Offender Registry Information electronically and/or mailings to the Lunenburg Public School District, Lunenburg Town Hall, Lunenburg Public Library, and local churches and places of worship. The Department will also provide community notification each time a Level 3 sex offender changes their home address, secondary address, or work address, or enrolls as a student.

All notifications to the community shall include a warning regarding the criminal penalties for use of sex offender registry information to commit a crime or to engage in illegal discrimination or harassment of an offender and the punishment for threatening to commit a crime under M.G.L. c. 275, § 4.

III. INFORMATION REQUEST:

All Sex Offender information request shall be forwarded to the Records Access Officer for the Department.